## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CURSOR APPLIED PROCESSING WITHIN A DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM

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A method and system for efficiently executing a predefined 5 process within a data processing system having multiple objects and a 6 movable cursor element displayed therein. A user defined executable 7 process is specified within the data processing system which may be applied to one or more arbitrary objects within the data processing system. The user defined executable process is then associated with the movable cursor within the data processing system. Thereafter, each time an object is graphically selected within the data processing system utilizing the movable cursor, the user defined executable process is applied to the selected object. The physical appearance of the movable cursor is preferably altered to indicate the association of the user defined executable process with the movable cursor and an error message is returned in response to a selection of an object which cannot be processed utilizing the user defined executable 17 process. 18